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To whom it may concern-

I have been researching the MLPA Task force plans to further increase marine protection in the south coast region. While reading, I have seen a few rough drafts for creating closures in certain areas of Santa Catalina Island. Though, I am all about conservation of our marine environment, many of the proposed areas are prime fishing grounds for white sea bass, yellowtail, halibut and various other species. I have been fishing Catalina Island since I was a little boy and have vast memories of all the great times me and my family fished the island. I do not understand why the MPLA has to completely restrict fishing in certain areas. This may sound like a broken record; why can't we set tighter bag limit/size restrictions and temporary closures for certain species? Is this an option? I have seen the White Sea bass, halibut and sculpin populations dramatically increase when limits and closures were in place. I am not grasping why it has to be all or nothing. I would gladly pay more for a fishing license if I knew it was to repopulate targeted species and create more dfg staffing to properly manage it. I stand by the mlpa in regards to conservation, but please take in consideration how this will affect our future generations, and the great sport of fishing.

Kind Regards

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